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Letter dated 5 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit to you the joint statement of the Minsters of Foreign Affairs of member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on Syria made at their working meeting in New York on 27 September 2012 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex are issued as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 33 and 36, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on Syria

New York
27 September 2012

We voice our deep concern at the escalating armed struggle and the increasingly acute humanitarian situation in Syria.

We are convinced that a stable settlement must exclude outside interference and can be achieved only through a cessation of violence by all the parties and a broad political dialogue that takes into account the interests of all Syrians and is based on respect for Syria's independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty.

We welcome the consensual political and legal basis for overcoming the Syrian crisis, which includes Security Council resolutions 2042 (2012) and 2043 (2012), the Kofi Annan plan and the Geneva Communiqué of the Group for Action. We express comprehensive support for the mission by the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, that is now beginning.

We call on all parties concerned and involved in the conflict to discharge to the full their obligations stemming from these decisions and agreements.